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Ms. Rebecca Spring  
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**NDSHPO REF.: 13-0008 PSC Docket Number 12-675**  
**"Basin Transload: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of a Proposed Oil Pipeline in Mercer County, North Dakota" (Ethnoscience, October 4, 2012)**

Dear Ms. Spring,

We reviewed correspondence and project document for NDSHPO REF.: 13-0008 PSC "Basin Transload: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of a Proposed Oil Pipeline in Mercer County, North Dakota" (Ethnoscience, October 4, 2012) and find it acceptable.

We concur with *"No Historic Properties Affected"* and *"No Significant Sites Affected"* determinations provided that the project is of the nature stated, and that it takes place in plotted location in the report documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at [ppicha@nd.gov](mailto:ppicha@nd.gov) or (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov) or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)  
and  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC

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**Letter concurrence - no historic properties and no significant sites affected**